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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

November 25, 1949

My dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

In your letter of August 4 to the Secretary of State with regard to membership on the proposed staff to be established under NSC-4 and NSC-43, you asked to be informed when the combined staff is established.

As the interested departments and agencies have agreed to the proposal of the Secretary of State, the Department has established, effective November 10, a combined staff responsible for carrying out NSC-4 and NSC-43 to be known as the Interdepartmental Foreign Information Staff. The composition of the organization and staff is shown in the attached memorandum.

The designation of [redacted] will, I believe, meet the present requirements of the full-time staff. There is, however, one other aspect of the planning work which requires attention. You will recall that paragraph one of NSC-43 requires that plans and preparations for overt psychological warfare shall be coordinated with related planning under the NSC-10 series. In order to assure such coordination, it is suggested that you designate a special liaison representative who would be available for consultation on matters in this restricted field. This aspect has been discussed informally with Mr. Frank Wisner, who is familiar with the requirements for such liaison.

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Sincerely yours,

/s/ George V. Allen

George V. Allen  
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:  
List of Personnel.

Rear Admiral H. R. Hillenkoetter, U.S.N.  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

State Department review completed

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ORGANIZATION FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE PLANNING  
AND COORDINATION OF FOREIGN INFORMATION MEASURES  
UNDER NSC-41 AND NSC-43

1. In conformity with NSC-43, and after consultation with representatives of your office, there has been established within the Department of State a small organization to plan and make preparations for the coordinated conduct of foreign information programs and overt psychological warfare in the event of war or national emergency.
2. The full-time staff for implementation of NSC-43 has been combined with the Interdepartmental Coordinating Staff previously established for coordination of foreign information measures and the combined staff will be known as the Interdepartmental Foreign Information Staff.

The organization for carrying out the provisions of NSC-41 and NSC-43 is composed initially of:

Director - Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs (George V. Allen)

Policy Consultants -

Department of State - Deputy Under Secretary of State (Dean Rusk)

Department of Defense (John Magruder, Brigadier General, U.S.A., (Ret.))

National Security Resources Board (Sherman S. Sheppard)

Interdepartmental Coordinating and Planning Staff -

Department of State -

William T. Stone, Director of Staff  
Frederick Oechsner

Department of Defense -

One officer to be designated.

Army Department -

Lt. Col. William A. Kinard, Jr.  
Lt. Col. William J. Curtin

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Navy Department -

Captain Joseph A. Farrell  
Captain Charles J. Zondorak

Air Force Department -

Col. Richard W. Simons  
Col. Robert J. Goewey

Central Intelligence Agency



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Administration and clerical staff are provided  
by the Department of State

To insure proper security for war planning, it has been agreed that that portion of an agency or department of the United States Government which participates in the planning for wartime conduct of overt psychological warfare will comply with the appropriate "Procedures for the Handling and Transmission of Classified Information in all Departments and Agencies of the Executive Branch," as approved by the Department of State and the National Military Establishment.

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